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OUR CIRCULATION.

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ST. LOUIS, May 4, 1885.

The daily circulation of the Post-Dispatch for the last six days of publication was as follows:

Monday, April 27.....	30,600
Tuesday, April 28.....	31,990
Wednesday, April 29.....	31,110
Thursday, April 30.....	31,020
Friday, May 1.....	31,190
Saturday, May 2.....	32,840

Total for six days..... 188,680
Average per day..... 31,446
Week ending April 25..... 30,945
Week ending April 18..... 31,368

During the week ending May 2, the average number of papers delivered by carriers was

21,126.

IG. KAPPENBERG, Business Manager.
JOHN A. DILLON, Editor.

The press room of the Post-Dispatch is at all times open to the public, and advertisers are invited to examine our circulation books and satisfy themselves of the extent and character of our circulation.

The indications at present are that the negotiations between the St. Louis Gas Company and the Philadelphia syndicate will not result in a sale.

Some people might think it cheeky in the Philadelphia syndicate to introduce an ordinance for a new gas franchise just at the time when they are trying to buy out the old Gas Company, but this gas question is one which brings new surprises every day.

The children of the public schools will have an opportunity to subscribe to the Bartholdi Pedestal Fund. No gifts are more welcome than those which show that the children of this country continue to learn that lesson of liberty which has made this country what it is.

There is a great deal of patriotism in St. Louis to protest against the sale of the St. Louis Gas Company to a Standard Oil Company syndicate, but there is not enough patriotism in St. Louis to get up an honest local campaign and give the people good gas at fair prices.

We hear a great deal about the quantities of money which are seeking investment at five or six per cent. If there is a million dollars in St. Louis which is looking for an investment at a minimum of ten per cent, it can get it by making a fair proposition to the city government to build gas works on that basis.

The directors of the public schools yesterday adopted a resolution permitting the scholars to subscribe to the Bartholdi Pedestal Fund in the schools, provided the names are not published. The principals will be furnished with blanks, and those who are willing to take charge of the subscriptions will confer a favor by doing so.

The two-cent shortage discovered by a count of the money in the Treasury cash vaults in Washington was made good by finding two cents on the floor of the vault. Whether they were the identical missing coins, or were put there to vindicate the cashier, is a question over which the country can afford to draw the veil of charity and go to sleep.

The *Globe-Democrat*, which has rather favored the St. Louis Gas Company in preference to other competitors during the varying aspects of the gas question, alludes to it as King Log. A gas monarch which has declared five millions of dollars of dividends on an investment of forty thousand dollars, and has five millions of property left, all made out of extortions on the public, is rather an active and healthy King Log. If King Stork can do any better we shall have no words to express our admiration for King Stork.

In his *sino* vines, Professor TAYLOR of the Agricultural Bureau, with his little microscope, has discovered that genuine butter, whether fresh or rancid, cold or melted, always presents to the glass well defined globules, each marked with a St. Andrew's cross, which renders it easily distinguishable from bogus butter of any kind. This being the case, the butter sellers and public victuallers can be made legally responsible for their unpolished dealings with the oleomargarine feed, and the meek scientist with a microscope can defy him and make his laundry tremble.

COMMISSIONER COLMAN finds that the "scientific gen" who puffed him left the Agricultural Bureau overloaded with seeds that nobody wants, though purchased at such fancy prices that there is no money left to pay the cost of distributing them if anybody wanted them. An inventory of the unavailable surplus in the seed department includes 18,000 pounds of sugar beet seed, 500 bushels of sorghum seed purchased in the East at \$8.50, when it could be duplicated anywhere in the West at twenty-five cents, and 200 female clerks. As a practical farmer and business man, Mr. COLMAN will probably try to run the Government's seed stores a little more economically.

SENATOR COCKRELL'S GRIEF.

The Kansas City Journal, imputing a vast amount of the old Roman spirit to Senator COCKRELL, seems to have taken his recent declaration against nepotism at its face value, and to have confidently expected to announce his resignation in case any more Federal offices were thrust into his family. He has exhibited his resignation under the appointment of his brother-in-law as Consul-General to Mexico, but it must be admitted that the resignation exhibited is quite different from the resignation which a great many Democrats, as well as the Kansas City Journal, were led to expect. Having borne the thrusting of the Supreme Court Clerkship upon one brother-in-law, and the thrusting of the State Auditorship upon another, and having every reason to believe that the new Court of Appeals and the new Federal officials to be appointed about Kansas City will thrust a seat in Congress upon his son, Senator COCKRELL must be getting somewhat inured to grief over such things, and why should he fare up and cast the Senatorial toga from his manly shoulders, merely because the Mexican Consulship has been thrust upon still another brother-in-law? What if yet a fourth brother-in-law is serving his country as surgeon in the army and a fifth as Commissioner on Permanent Seat of Government, must Senator COCKRELL retire from public life because the bright halo of his influence circles all his family connections, illumines their superior fitness for office, fixes public and official attention upon their surpassing eligibility, and in a manner forces them into the public service! Certainly not. The hungry and disappointed Democrats must satisfied with the assurance that he is not to blame for this monopoly of good things by his connections, and that such monopoly is to be construed as nepotism only when it is discovered in the family of a Republican Senator.

EVERY touching and tender and beautiful is the love of the nepotist for nepotism. The Republic, which has been engaged in furnishing family handmaids for official sinecures ever since it ceased to be a newspaper, expresses its admiration for nepotism in the following terms:

The Republican morning paper of St. Louis and its afternoon appendage repeat and keep repeating that Senator COCKRELL is a "true son of the soil," and that he is a brother-in-law to Senator COCKRELL. But Senator COCKRELL's son is a cornet clerk in a position held under the civil service rules after passing the examination. As for Mr. Ewing, if our contemporaries know anything of Missouri politics, they know that he is esteemed in Missouri for his personal worth by all who know him; that as his acquaintance through the State is extensive he has an influence altogether apart from his family connection with Senator COCKRELL. There has been no objection to Mr. Ewing except on the part of the Senate Committee on Ethics, and there is nothing in the Constitution or public sentiment of the State to make a disqualification for office.

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